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I went to the January 30 2012 ORVAC meeting fully expecting to see some positive progress regarding the status of the Bear Island ORV trails closure issue and to see some clear game plan regarding the Secondary ORV trail issue. I was disappointed but not surprised to see that neither of these items were on the agenda.

Pedro directed the ORVAC early on to reexamine their definition of a secondary ORV trail, yet at the January 30 meeting the ORVAC was informed by Pedro that no discussion would be allowed by the committee during the meeting regarding the secondary trail issue.

At the prior ORVAC meeting, committee member attorney Jorge Gutierrez objected with solid legal basis to John Adronato continuing as an ORVAC member. At the January 30 meeting Pedro stated with much praise that he had no problem with John continuing as an ORVAC member. Would be great if Pedro received a few hundred letters in objection to this pitiful, unjust situation and requesting the immediate removal of Mr. Adronato from the committee.

For those who might not be aware of the facts, John Adronato is the top dog with the National Parks Conservation Association that just prevailed in getting the Bear Island ORV trails closed and is a major factor in the current secondary ORV trail description crises. Mr. Adronato publicly supported an alternative in the Addition Lands that totally disallowed ORV access. He is also the lone ORVAC member pushing for a cap on total miles of secondary trails which is severely undermining the efforts of the ORVAC committee.

It is really sad that our federal government is so disconnected that they totally lack any sense of remorse for their bias actions. Common sense and fairness has no room in the way they do business. The most important factor is that it accomplishes their political agenda. I regret that I am starting to see some of this same mind set prevailing on the state level.

On a positive note, an ORV specification subcommittee was appointed by the ORVAC at the January 30 2013 meeting which should be very helpful to the ORV folks down the road.

Sincerely  
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